



Bio for Azza Hashim Khalil -Humadi

At the present, Azza Hashim Khalil Humadi, is the program manger for the Iraqi Women's Initiative for the Gulf Region Division of the US Army Corps of Engineers. She leads the way in promoting, developing and capacity building the Iraqi women-owned businesses. She also coordinates with US and International Non-Governmental Organizations to fund Iraqi women's initiatives. Mrs. Humadi has assisted hundreds of small and women-owned Iraqi businesses to win contracts. She accomplishes this by developing seminars and training designed to teach Iraqi women how to start a business and be successful. This internationally recognizes program was so successful that it was used as a model throughout the country and was expanded to include Iraqi men in business. Contracts awarded to women have increased from \$7 million to over \$435 million since the start of her program in 2005.

Prior to this, Mrs. Humadi was an Educational Consultant for the Omani Educational Office in Washington, D.C. She also worked for over 5 years for the International Committee Red Cross.

Azza Hashim Khalil Humadi holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a Master's degree in Information Technology. Azza is a daughter of an Iraqi career diplomat, married and has been living and working in Baghdad, Iraq since 2004.